

Rocco and the Wharton Professor

ROCCO

Well well! Mrs Onofrio's little boy, now teaching at Wharton School of Gouging Capitalism, University of Pennsylvania. So, DR! Onofrio, how's the latest government bailout of the fiercely independent private sector going?

DR O

I've screamed about these excesses for five years!

ROCCO

What do you teach at Right-Wing Wharton anyway?

DR O

Economics.

ROCCO

What is that, exactly?

DR O

Nobody knows. It's in Discovery.

ROCCO

So? Tell me, is this new government ownership of private companies Socialism or Communism?

DR O

Who the fuck cares!

ROCCO

Wouldn't want your department chairman hear that, would you?

DR O

Okay Rocco, so I'm a fuckin hypocrite. It's a big club.

ROCCO

The biggest. And don't despair that nobody listens to you. First fuckin grownup lesson.

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Strivers leave Rocco's South Philadelphia, but they always return--most often for Mama's food.